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bill at all. And since no hearing date has been set, I respectfully ask to withdraw LB 468. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Debate on the motion? Seeing none, Senator Crosby, you are recognized to close. She waives closing. The question before the body is, shall LB 468 be withdrawn? All those in favor vote aye; all those opposed vote nay. Please record.

CLERK: 28 ayes, 0 nays, Mr. President, on the motion to withdraw LB 468.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: LB 468 is withdrawn. We'll next move to General File appropriations bill, LB 84A.

CLERK: (LB) 84A, by Senator Wickersham. (Read title.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wickersham, you're recognized to open on the A bill.

SENATOR WICKERSHAM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. This A bill is for \$7,500 to the Department of Veterans Affairs. It is to give them monies for planning to later submit a proposal to the Appropriations Committee for the establishment of...potential establishment of state veteran cemeteries in Box Butte County or in Hall County or perhaps other locations. It is not a requirement that those cemeteries be established. It is simply planning money so that they can come up with designs, specifications, and present the numbers later to the Appropriations Committee. I might note that all of the initial construction costs for those projects would be reimbursed by the federal government under current law, so that would not ultimately represent a drain on the state fiscal resources. I can't tell you for certain whether the \$7,500 in this bill would be reimbursed, but I think it has...it would potentially be reimbursable because it would be part of the cost for the initial construction, if initial construction went forward.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, Mr. Speaker, members, I feel I need to spend a little time with Senator Wickersham this morning